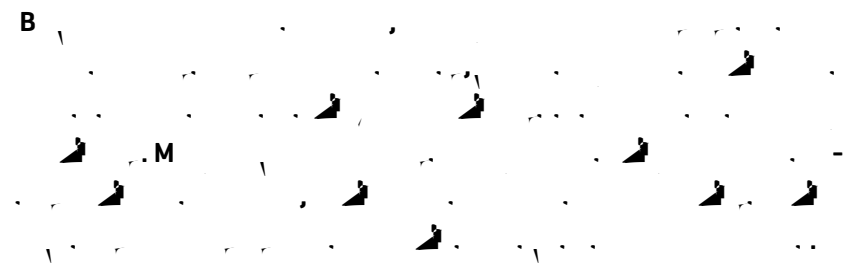


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An important step towards understanding how brown algae acclimate to environmental changes has been the development of *Ectocarpus* as a genomic and genetic model for this lineage which led to a range of new approaches to study stress tolerance in this organism. *Ectocarpus* is an also cosmopolitan genus of small filamentous brown algae with a high capacity to acclimate to different environments and a long history of research. So far, studies of acclimation to environmental changes in algae have dealt primarily with the algae themselves, but very little is known about the reaction of the associated microbiome in response to these changes. In this talk I will focus on the impact of abiotic (here salinity) changes on the bacterial phycosphere and its potential role during the algal acclimation. I will highlight how the concept of holobiont has modified our vision of the biology of brown algae.